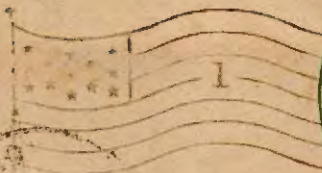


After 5 days, return to

Walter House

GALESBURG, ILL.



Mrs J. L. Woods.
Batavia

Ohio.

Gov. Ransom

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Galesburg Ill

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My Darling

I wrote to you
last Sunday and haven't
heard from you yet
so I think that you
didn't get my letter
so I am going to write
again

You made a great howl
about me not writing
long letters that one I
wrote Sunday was long
enough It took me all
day to write it

We had some more excitement
in town today a nigger

Killed a sweed in a fight
in a moon this after noon
with a ~~knife~~ razor and
they were after him red hot
down where we are working
I heard some say that they
got him and some that they
didnt so I dont know
but if they did there is danger
of a lynchng to night
for the sweeds are very
much excited about it
I wish they would string the
black bastard up the niggers
just about run this town any
way

Say old Bill Smith is back
at Monmouth again what you

think of that boarding at
her grandmother's I have
seen the time that she would-
not go near there

Smith said that Heland sent
her a pass

The paving job is to be
let the 12th of this month so
I expect they will be at work
on it by the 20th this job
will last four weeks yet any
way

I made 2.56¢ yesterday and
the same today how is that
we have the corners nearly
all cut we cut corners all day
today I cut 6 and got 15¢
a piece for them

if I cut 128 feet by Saturday
I will draw \$5.00⁰⁰ Saturday
and that aint so bad for two
week and I can cut it all
right if nothing happens

I got another book the other
night Edmund Plantes by
Lunas a sequel to the
Count of Monte Cristo I tell
you that old boy is all right
Say I sent you some money
in my last letter and if
you dont get it it will be
lost it was a brand new
penny and if you want any
more I will send it to you
I want to know when you will
get to moonmouth what time

o-day and all about it and
 I will try and be there to meet
 you I thought I would go down
 next Sunday but I guess I won't
 It aint very long now till the 14th
 And won't I be glad to see you
 once more I'll bet you a kiss
 you don't get to go away again
 very soon and stay a month
 unless I go along

Tell your Ma that she will
 have to stay with you till that
 job starts in Monmouth
 Mrs Visel so the kid came
 to Galesburg last night
 but I havent seen her yet
 Visel says he has 30,000
 feet of curb down by St Louis

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and wants me to go down
there and work for him
but I have had about enough
I am getting as poor as
the ~~the~~ the dust does
me up

Say I have only one sheet
of paper so you can't expect
a very long letter next time
If you didn't get my last
letter I will tell you all
about that shooting scrape
Saturday night when I & Rayon
I tell you there was all kinds
of news in that letter
well I must quit and go to
bed I want to cut 80 feet to-morrow
good night Sweet heart kiss your
self for me Roy